(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Polavaram Project involves submergence of forest and lands and villages from Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The State Government has not sent the modified project report correcting the deficiencies including water availability, pointed out by the Central Water Commission.

Policy for supplying Potassium Penicilin-V to 6-APA Products

@*131. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the policy relating to supply of Potassium Penicillin-V to 6-APA producers in March, 1988, May; 1988 and October, 1988;

(b) what are the reasons for making frequent policy changes; and

(c) which authority approved these changes?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Under the current Import and Export Policy, announced on 30th March, 1988, and made effective from 1-4-1989, the item "Pencillin in all forms including Benzathine Pencillin" is in the Restricted List and its import is permissible only against supplementary licences granted by the Chief Controller of Imports & Exports, New Delhi. There has been no change in the Import Policy for this item.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

@Previously Starred Question 71, transferred from the 27th February, 1989.

Investment Policy of IDBI

*132. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IDBI is giving a fresh look to its investment policy and is resuming the financing of projects in certain sectors like cement and paper;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the new findings by IDBI in this regard; and

(d) to what extent this will help in improving the cement and paper industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Presently, IDBI and other all-India term lending institutions are not extending direct finance for grass root cement projects and general expansion of cement projects at new locations. Institutions, however, do consider on selective basis proposals for expansion at the same location as may ensure better economy of scale or increase capacity by technological improvements. Financial institutions have also undertaken a review to see whether any change is necessary in their existing policy.

As regards paper industry, IDBI is not for the present extending any direct finance to new projects for manufacture of cultural and industrial varieties of paper and proposes to maintain this policy for the time being. However, cases of expansion|modernisation are supported on merits. Creation of additional capacity based on renewal agro-based raw materials is also encouraged.